

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB BULLETIN



June 2009

“Uncle” Ed W6KUT SK

Ed, W6KUT was mentally sharp as a tack when I saw him about three weeks ago. -K6NA

I've known Ed since I moved here in 1981. He will certainly be missed. -NN6R

I have known him since the early 1980's -N6XT

Ed was one of kind. -NG6Z

What a good man. -W6VNR

We should leave a chair empty at the head of table in his honor next SD DX Club meeting -N6KI

We shall miss him dearly.. -W6EUF

He was a good friend . -N6JOJ



Join us at
The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd

June 24, 2009

Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M

Program: Jim, K6ZH : 7QP contest from his Goldfield, NV site, and also his PJ operation of earlier this year.



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From the Prez.....

Glenn Rattman K6NA



Gang,

A big thank you goes to VP Wayne, NN6R, for his hard work setting up all the club programs, and covering for me during the May meeting. I had a great time at the Dayton Hamvention and visiting family in Wisconsin the week following, but unfortunately caught a bug that slowed me down in late May.

Propagation

What can we say? Pretty much SOP. The sun is asleep, except for the one recent period where the flux actually reached 73 or so for a few days, as a result of a new Cycle 24 sunspot. Folks did report increased DX activity, so maybe there is hope.

N6OX, World Traveler

Bob, N6OX is presently with a group operating from Fernando De Noronha (PY0F), but the operation will be completed by the time you read this. I hope you all found them for a contact.

Tower Ordinance Issue

We are still awaiting feedback from the City regarding our April 17th submittal of a proposed new ordinance. Our attorney maintains contact with the City and will report any developments. On Thursday, June 11, Escondido ARS hosted a well publicized town-meeting style event focusing on current status of various tower issues in the greater Southern California area (presented by tower expert and ARRL Vice Director Marty Woll, N6VI), and on status of the San Diego City situation in particular (presented by Felix Tinkov, our attorney). About 60 people attended this very informative meeting, and thanks go to EARS for hosting. Officers K6NA and N6VS attended, representing SDDXC. Other members present were K6GO, KY6LA, and N6NC. We handed out reading materials and made a pitch for financial support from clubs and individuals. In coming weeks, SDDXC officers or members plan to visit all the clubs to bring them up to speed on the tower issue and make a plea for financial support.

Ed Andress, W6KUT, SK

Sadly, I must report the death of a great DXer and radio-pioneer, Ed, W6KUT, on June 9, 2009. Ed died peacefully at home, in the presence of his beloved family. He was 90 years old and licensed for 74 years. I'm sure I speak for all SDDXC members when I say "We are missing you, Uncle Ed!" Our condolences go to the family. There is additional information elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Election of Officers

Remember, election of new officers will be done at the June meeting. I hope everyone will attend and participate, and there will be a good program presented by Jim Price, K6ZH, as well. See you all there!

San Diego DX Club Policy

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DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members. The E-mail reflector is NOT an official club reflector. The reflector was created for club use, but it is privately owned.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. **No PERSONAL attacks** will be allowed in either the newsletter or on the reflector.

Submissions are due on the 1st Friday after the 2nd Wednesday of each month!!

'Acting' Secretary's Minutes

Harry Hodges W6YOO



MEETING MINUTES

In the absence of the Secretary/Treasurer, these meeting notes were taken by former Secretary Harry Hodges, W6YOO

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive and Murphy Canyon Road. There were twenty-eight members and guests present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by VP Wayne Zimmerman, NN6R. The acting secretary presented the billing statement from the legal firm working on the antenna ordinance matter with the city. It was generally agreed that SANDARC could do more to assist in covering the costs.

There was no Top Ten presentation in that John, K6AM was absent.

Two candidates were elected into club membership:

Dave Bell, W6AQ (Regular) and

Bill Clark, K6WSC (Associate)

The DX Roundtable was lively and interesting as usual with considerable discussion concerning the effort to forstall the city's proposed restrictive antenna ordinance.

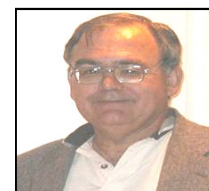
The evening's program was a slide presentation by Bob Grimmick, N6OX of a QSL card "museum" located in Vienna, Austria. This museum houses several million cards including those collected by the Yasm Foundation. The "International Foundation QSL Collection", a strictly nonprofit volunteer institute with headquarters in Vienna, Austria, was founded more than twenty years ago. It is supported by individuals, amateur radio societies, broadcasters and broadcast listeners, archives, historians, publishers, enterprises etc. on all continents. A board oversees the collections and archives, and controls all projects. They collect whatever relates to the history of radio (with the sole exception of "hardware": They are not a radio museum!) With more than six million objects filed, they are the world's biggest organization of its kind, and the only one with such a wealth of interdisciplinary collections:

- The collection of QSL cards, awards, and logbooks, covers the entire era from pioneer days to today. It is a unique and gigantic global data base, supplemented by a photo collection, a library of books and magazines, and a large documentary unit of letters, public and private records, research files and similar archival material. A truly remarkable collection!

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



10 (EXPANDED VERSION) TOTAL BAND-COUNTRIES WORKED

6/09	6/08	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	N6ND	377	1891	1926	2794	-
2.	2.	K6AM		2581	2611	2644	+24
3.	3.	W6KUT	349	2345	2429	2607	-
4.	4.	N6CW	353	?	2116	2549	-
5.	5.	K6TQ	370	2475	2475	2475	-
6.	6.	N7CW	366	1951	1951	2435	-
7.	7.	N6AW	350	2338	2395	2421	-
8.	12.	K6XT	340	1625	1650	2341	+410
9.	8.	W6YA	348	?	?	2389	-
10.	9.	W6EUF		2040	2118	2317	-
11.	11.	W6YI	332	1653	1653	2077	+101
12.	10.	W6YOO	307	2036	2051	2051	-
13.	13.	K6ZH	323	1732	1751	1896	+10
14.	15.	K0XB	281	1462	1476	1666	+76
15.	14.	WN6K	297	1212	1231	1631	-3
16.	16.	W6BS		1012	1131	1553	-
17.	17.	W6CN		1206	1228	1314	-
18.	18.	N7TY	247	1226	1226	1286	+13
19.	19.	N6VS	243	1207	1209	1268	+23
20.	-	NN6K		1182	1182	1209	NEW

Some nice big jumps this time in the TBC category, the granddaddy of DX'ing, mostly on the wide-open WARC bands. Rick, N6ND holds his lead at number one for the eighth year with the highest score I've seen on the West Coast. There's plenty of room to make a decent gain in this category by getting on those bands where your totals are still low. Even at the bottom of the cycle there is plenty of activity on 30 and 17 meters. For the TBC list, we are showing the first 20 places to accommodate the large number of entries in this category.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 6/160 and RTTY followed by phone and CW. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

The San Diego DX Club 2009 Nominating Committee recommendations

There are four positions up for election this June. Here are the recommendations from the Nominating Committee:

President:

NN6R Wayne Zimmerman (currently holds the Vice President position)

Vice President:

K6GO Gayle Olson (currently hold the expiring Board of Directors position)

Secretary/Treasurer:

N6VS Leon Helms (currently holds this position)

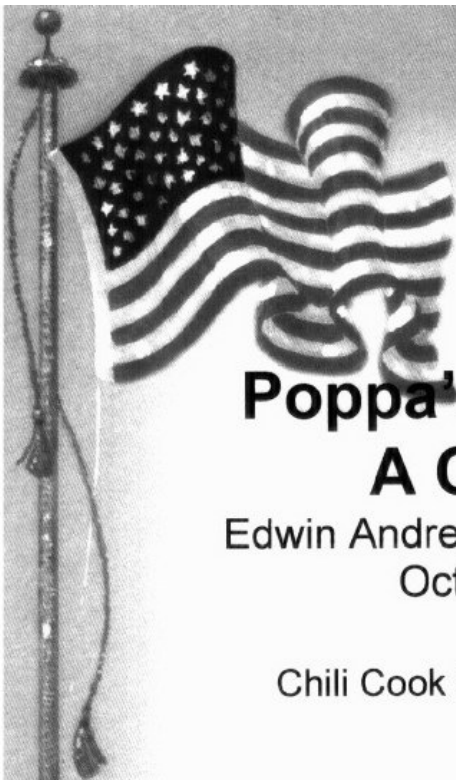
Board of Directors (one open position):

W6YOO Harry Hodges

Other nominations will be accepted at the May 27th meeting for the election to be held at the June 24th meeting.

Regards,

AD6ZJ Loren Hunt 2009 Nominating Committee Chair



Please Join Us
Saturday, July 4, 2009
1:00 p.m.

Poppa's Last Patriotic March A Celebration of Life

Edwin Andress, W6kut, Uncle Ed, Grandpa & Dad
October 25, 1918-June 9, 2009

Chili Cook Off*, Horseshoes, Kid's Fun, Luncheon
1:00 Social
1:30 Luncheon
2:30 Chili Judging
3:00 Honor Ed and **THE MARCH**

*Please enter a chili in the contest. To encourage more participants,
we are changing it up this year and will have 3 judging categories:
"Hottest of Hot", "Best Traditional Chili" and
"Most Original/Unusual"

Please have it here by 2:00 to be included in the judging and
bring it in a Crock pots if you have one.

Donations to "Cut it Out",
Salons against Domestic Violence
will be accepted in his honor as he so loved all his girls!

12821 Corte Dorotea
Poway, CA 92064

Above, you will see an invitation with details of the July 4th celebration at Ed's home. You may RSVP to Cathy as it reads on the website, OR... you may email me with your RSVP/how many in your group will attend. One week before the party I will coordinate with Cathy to come up with the final number of attendees. If you email via K6NA, it is less work for Cathy.

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Thanks,

Tuck & Arnie

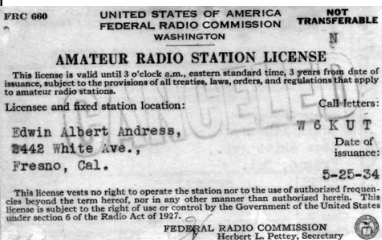
Uncle Ed, W6KUT

Edwin A. Address, October 25, 1918 – June 9, 2009

By Glenn Rattmann K6NA

The DX world lost a pioneer and true giant recently with the passing of “Uncle Ed”, W6KUT. The following is a short summary of his life, with emphasis on the ham radio side of things.

Ed was born in Isabella, CA in 1918. The family moved later to Fresno, where Ed attended school including Cal State Fresno, receiving his degree (physics, with minor in chemistry and math) just prior to WWII. In high school, he heard about ham radio from his friend Gene De Young after seeing the W6HYG QSL card on Gene’s desk in class. After school that day, Gene brought Ed to his home and showed him the equipment and antenna, and after taking the test a little later in 1934 the U.S. Mail brought him his



first license, W6KUT. In Ed’s own words, “That first license is a reminder of the day my life changed forever!”

Gene De Young was to remain a lifelong friend of Ed’s. They both were hooked on DXing, but Ed was enthusiastic in all phases of ham radio and in the late 1940’s was ARRL Emergency Coordinator for Fresno County. But most significantly, through fate, or dumb luck, Ed’s experience as a ham, along with his formal education, would lead to an important role in WWII.

As the war neared, ROTC steered Ed to the U.S. Army Signal Corps and they gave him a direct commission as 2nd Lt., sending him to Fort Monmouth, NJ for training. During the train stopover in Chicago the night of December 6th, 1941, Ed of course learned about the Pearl Harbor attack the next morning, and re-boarded the train for Fort Monmouth.

Ed’s group of 50 new RADAR officers shipped out for the UK from Halifax, arriving safely in spite of losing their defender-ship, a British destroyer, to a German torpedo. In Scotland, Ed was assigned to the RAF where he helped develop a new RADAR Fighter Control System, and improved shore RADAR defenses. Remember, this was the very early days of RADAR, and the MIT people were pushing leading-edge equipment to Europe as fast as possible. Ed then was assigned to 8th Army Air Force where he improved aircraft communication through ‘smarter’ scanning and blanking techniques. Ed’s work eliminated German RADAR signals from the Allied aircraft COM channels,

greatly enhancing our aircraft communications during combat over Germany.

Ed’s RADAR expertise led to the next assignment: Planning the locations for installing fighter-control RADARs across France, all the way to Germany. This prototype equipment came from MIT (incorporating many of Ed’s suggestions), and Ed’s people had to



package it in vehicles in waterproof fashion. Ed was sent to MIT on a special cargo plane to consult with their engineers for several weeks on fabrication of this new equipment.

Then came the Normandy invasion. The RADAR gear started pouring across Omaha Beach on the second day, and of course Ed was there. Although the mobile RADARS were intended to guide Allied aircraft, Ed and his crew cleverly used them to detect the locations of enemy ground-based tank movements and artillery batteries. While pinned down on the ridge above the beach, they called in air strikes and took out the enemy sites. Later, Ed further commanded the RADAR company through the Battle of the Bulge.

For his outstanding work in the war, Ed Address was awarded the Order of the British Empire, OBE (MBE class). Later, the Air Force awarded him the Legion of Merit.

Upon Ed’s return to the states, he was assigned to the Air Force Test Board, to verify production of new RADAR equipment, and also went to Hollywood to assist Hal Roach Studios in producing training films for RADAR users.



After a few years of Air Force Reserves (Major) and working in the family neon-sign business, the Air Force recalled Ed for two years in the Korean War. After that point he had to make a choice—stay in service, with a full commission, or get out. He decided to resign, after he and Gene De Young decided to gamble and go into the

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broadcast business.

In the 50s, Gene was the majority owner and Ed was a partner and Chief Engineer at radio KERO – Bakersfield. They obtained another license for KERO-TV, and Ed was responsible for building both the studio in town, AND a completely new transmitter/antenna site on remote Mt. Breckenridge, east of Bakersfield.



This was to become Bakersfield's first major network television affiliate. This task was enormously difficult—starting with how to get water and power-- but Ed got the job done. Eventually he left the broadcast business in the early 60s. For the next 20 years or so, Ed was involved with manufacturing and sales of various types of electronic equipment, and at times worked with other well known Southern California hams in business such as Cam Pierce, W6HJT (K6RU) and Dennis Dinga, N6DD.

Relatively late in life, Ed took on a new challenge—that of seagoing merchant marine radio officer. He loved that job, because he could take his little portable ham station in a suitcase, and operate aboard the ships. Ed's work took him to the Indian Ocean numerous times during Desert Storm in the early 90s and he was at sea for nearly a year in one stretch, circumnavigating the world in the process.

W6KUT remained continuously active following WWII, and Ed kept up his DXing. Recall that DXing in those days was "A boy and his radio." No 2m link. No cluster. No Internet. Just keep tuning the receiver! The evidence is impressive: CQ WAZ Award #56 in 1948; ARRL DXCC #159 in 1948; he received sticker #380 in 1998, and remained on Top Honor Roll for many years. Ed holds 5BWAZ #6 (#2, West Coast). The San Diego DX Club elected W6KUT to the Club's Hall of Fame, along with W6BZE and W6PT.



Ed was a generous DXer, always eager to help the younger guys learn the hardware techniques and operating skills they needed. I remember clearly that Ed showed me the 'Eureka' details I needed to finally master the PERFECT installation of PL-259 connectors! He, along with Otto, W6PT, also gladly taught me the secrets of prop pitch motors.

Ed was widowed in 2000 with the passing of his wife, Liz. They had three children, one of whom be-

came a ham operator: Anna (Cathy), Kim, and Kurt, who is very active as K7NV.

Ed is survived by the children; seven grandchildren; five great-grandsons; and his loving companion Diane Vandenberg. And let's not forget the hundreds—no, thousands—of radio hams, worldwide, and business persons, who were touched in so many wonderful ways by this generous, kind, skillful person who always kept an engraved, one-word wooden sign on his desk: Empathy.

RIP Ed Andress, W6KUT—A great Patriot of the Greatest Generation!



(If you would like the larger copies of these pictures, please send an e-mail to the editor)

DX Is!!

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Thanks,

Tuck & Arnie



Summer Bash 2009

Will be held at
Jim W6YI's
August 23, 2009
12:00 pm — 5 pm